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Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether they were all selected out of the 43 students who were fit?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Necessarily."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"With reference to clause (f), the answer is 'No'. May I know if the hon. Minister is aware whether all the students that have come out have not found employment?"

The hon Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It may be so."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know why they were called here? Is it to have a look at their faces?"

The hon. Mr. S MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"If looking at the faces of the candidates was a mode of selection, that was the intention, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"I want to know, Sir, why they were called here? Their qualifications were already on record before the Board."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It was for personal selection, Sir."

Public Health

Alleged construction of a building for rice mill between two mosques in Tirupati.

* 1936 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government is aware that a building for a rice mill has been ordered to be constructed between two mosques in Tirupati by the Mahant;

(b) whether he has obtained a licence from the municipality before constructing the building;

(c) if not, whether the municipal authorities have taken any action for constructing the building without a licence;

(d) whether the Muslims of Tirupati protested against the construction of this building;

(e) whether it is a fact that the District Collector suspended the licence on receipt of a mahazar from the Muslims;

(f) whether it is a fact that the former Collector declined to withdraw the suspension order;

(g) whether the hon. the Minister received a mahazar from the Muslims of Tirupati to the effect that before the present District Collector issued the licence for the building he did not consult them;

(h) whether it is a fact that Mr. Hilton Brown visited Tirupati in connexion with this matter recently and if so, what is the result of his visit;

(i) whether he has submitted a report, and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table;

(j) whether the Government are aware that if early action is not taken, the matter may take a serious turn; and

(k) what then is the action that the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) The Mahant of Tirupati has constructed a building to instal a rice mill in a place in the neighbourhood of which there are two mosques.

(b) & (c) The Mahant applied to the Municipal Council, Tirupati, for licence to construct a building for installing a mill. The

municipal council gave licence to construct a building and some time later gave conditional permission to instal the machinery.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Mr. Hilton Brown's visit to Tirupati was private and unofficial and was not made in connexion with this matter.

(*i*) No.

(*j*) & (*k*) The Government have no reason to believe that there is any likelihood of serious developments. They have rescinded the Collector's order of suspension of the Council's resolution and propose to take no further action in the matter.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. Minister for Public Health in regard to clause (*a*) of the answer, what the distance is between the two mosques referred to therein ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I cannot give the exact distance now, Sir. I want notice."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether he will enquire into the matter as to what the distance is and whether he will satisfy himself that the building is not very close to those mosques ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is not very close. There is no need for enquiry. The whole matter was looked into and the question of distance was considered when the matter was decided."

Alleged construction of a building for a rice mill between two mosques.

* 1937 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mahant of Tirupati has constructed a building for a rice mill between two mosques ;

(*b*) whether the municipal council's licence was applied for after the building was put up ;

(*c*) whether protest was raised ;

(*d*) whether the then Collector suspended the Council's resolution sanctioning the licence ; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1936.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" I am asking the hon. the Minister to find out for himself whether the distance is so close as to permit a building being constructed there ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The building was there and the whole matter was looked into. The Government think that there is no harm in its being there."